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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH BEING FELON IN
POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that GEORGE R. MUSIC, 44, Indianapolis, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for two counts of possession of a firearm and one count of possession of ammunition, by a person previously convicted of a felony. This prosecution follows an investigation by the Indiana State Police, the Hamilton/Boone County Drug Task Force, the Noblesville Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is part of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

On January 17, 2005, a Noblesville, Indiana police officer stopped MUSIC for a traffic violation and discovered MUSIC was a suspended driver. During an inventory search of MUSIC's van, law enforcement officers found four handguns, including a 9 mm with 30 rounds in the magazine.

Based upon information developed during the search, law enforcement officers then sought and obtained a state search warrant the following day for MUSIC's home on Old State Road 37 in Morgan County, Indiana. As a result of that search, law enforcement officers discovered four shotguns and a rifle in a gun cabinet and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition. The indictment further alleges that MUSIC was previously convicted of Battery, a Class C Felony, in 1993 in Marion County, Indiana.

According to First Assistant United States Attorney Timothy M. Morrison, who is prosecuting the case for the government, MUSIC faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 on each of the three counts. An initial hearing on the indictment will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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